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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14/3/2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-22 are presented for the examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims **1, 2, 4, 5, 7-11, 13, 15, 16-18, 20-22** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkwood et al (US. Patent 6,665,662 B1).
3. As to claim 1, Kirkwood teaches the application substantially as claimed including: a data store having a plurality of entries (relational database to store the concepts, page 12, ln 52-55/ the concept database 420, col 19, ln 8-11), a server server (web server 402, col 21, ln 40-42/ Fig. 4 A), a API couple to said data stored (col 21, ln 40- 42 and ln 54-55/ col 22, ln 5-10), sending a query to data store (col 2, ln 45-48, col 36, ln 33-37), receiving a entry (col 21, ln 53-59), a wrapper (server side adapter 460, col 21, ln 50-53/ col 22 , ln 5-10), a wrapper coupled to said API for accepting request from a user interface(col 21, ln 50-55, fig. 4B/ col 22 , ln 3-8). Kirkwood does not explicit teach the term directory for the database. However, Kirkwood teaches hierarchical trees in the concept database 420, col 22, and ln 47-49). It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Kirkwood because Kirkwood's directory would improve the efficiency of

Kirkwood's system by making databases to become more powerful, flexible, and easy to manage.

4. **As to claim 2,** Kirkwood teaches a relational database (col 12, ln 50-52).
5. **As to claim 4,** Kirkwood teaches a plurality of API coupled to said data store, each API adapted to send said query to said data store and receive one of said plurality of directory entries (col 17, ln 57-60/ Fig. 4 A).
6. **As to claim 5,** Kirkwood teaches a plurality of wrapper each said wrapper coupled to one or more of said API (col 21, ln 50-55, fig. 4B/ col 22, ln 3-8).
7. **As to claim 7,** Kirkwood teaches API is adapted to receive one of said plurality of directory entries from said data store and send said one of the directory entries to said user application (col 18, ln 21-25).
8. **As to claim 8,** Kirkwood teaches API is adapted to send said one of said directory entries to said user application through said wrapper (col 21, ln 51-55/ col 22, ln 3-10).
9. **As to claim 9,** Kirkwood teaches API is adapted to received said one of said plurality of directory entries in response to said query (col 21, ln 53-56).
10. **As to claim 10,** it is an apparatus claim of claims 1 and 7; therefore, it is rejected for the same reasons as claims 1 and 7 above.
11. **As to claims 11, 13, 15,** they are apparatus claims of claims 2, 4, 5; therefore, they are rejected for the same reasons as claims 2, 4, 5 above.
12. **As to claim 16,** Kirkwood teaches receiving one of said plurality of entries from said data stored and sending said one of said entries to said user application (col 21, ln 51-55/ col 22, ln 3-10).

13. **As to claims 17, 18,** they are an apparatus claim of claim 8, 10 ; therefore, they are rejected for the same reasons as claims 8, 10 above.

14. **As to claim 20,** it is an apparatus claim of claim 10; therefore, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 10 above. In additional, Kirkwood teaches program instruction (software program, col 5, ln 5-6).

15. **As to claim 21,** it is an apparatus claim of claim 8; therefore, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 8 above.

16. **As to claim 22,** it is an apparatus claim of claim 1; therefore, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 1 above. In additional, Kirkwood teaches service capable of serving up web pages (col 1, ln 54-57).

17. Claims 3, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkwood et al (US. 6,665,662 B1) in view of Kumar et al (US. Patent 6,343,287 B1).

18. **As to claim 3,** Kirkwood does not teach an LDAP data store. However, Kirkwood teaches LDAP (LDAP, Fig. 3).

19. It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kirkwood and Kumar because Kumar's LDAP would improve the flexibility of Kumar's system by allowing user to initiate a search for the requesting from the user.

20. **As to claim 12,** it is an apparatus claim of claim 3; therefore, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 3 above.

21. Claims **6, 14, 19**, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkwood et al (US. 6,665,662 B1) in view of Coden et al (US. Patent 5,873,080).

22. As to claim **6**, Kirkwood does not teach an API locator on said web server for selecting one of said plurality of API in response to said query. However, Coden teaches an API locator on said web server for selecting one of said plurality of API in response to said query (each query object (col 12-1n 17-22), contained in the combined query 110 is directed by the query interface 130 to one ore more engineers by calls to that engine's application programming interface (API) (152, 154, 156) respectively, col 6, ln 46-51/ ln 60-66).

23. It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kirkwood and Coden because Coden's an API locator on said web server for selecting one of said plurality of API in response to said query would increase the efficiency of Coden's system by allowing relevant documents to be able to specify conditions on the content.

24. As to claims **14, 19**, they are apparatus claims of claim 6; therefore, they are rejected for the same reason as claim 6 above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LeChi Truong whose telephone number is (703) 305 5312. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on 703-305-9678. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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